(b) if so, what steps Government are considering to employ the educated unemployed youths in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that it is a sensational issue in the country since long; and

(d) whether Government would take any action to solve the burning issue in urban areas especially in States like Assam and the other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Plan period. Out of these, nearly 3 crore employment opportunities will be created in the normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes in the labour intensive sectors. Both educated and uneducated unemployed youth in rural and urban areas will benefit from these. The strategy is being implemented in all the states of the country including Assam.

Working ratio of men and women

†765. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a general feeling in the world till now that men work more than the women in all the areas;

(b) whether Government are aware of the survey recently conducted in America which reveals that the women work more than the men; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct this kind of survey in the near future in the country that may reveal the actual fact for the information of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. Government is not aware about the fact that men work more than women in all areas.

(b) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any such survey conducted in America which reveals that women work more than men.

(c) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.